

except the nightly camp fires in the dark woods, and the constant riding and jolting over the rough trails. Occasionally they had to build bridges across small deep streams, and sometimes had to swim the horses across wide rivers.

"A log home was built near the Alafia River and the family soon adapted itself to the pioneer life which then did not offer a great change from what they had been accustomed to in south Georgia. After a year in the new place the father returned to the old home for the rest of his cattle. He was gone for a long time. The mother and children grew anxious. Mail was infrequent. Finally word came that the father had died of diphtheria while in Georgia. He had been buried three weeks before his family learned of his death."

James Edward Hendry died on Jan. 3, 1852 at the home of his brother, Robert M. Hendry, about 3 miles southeast of Ochlocknee, Thomas County, Georgia. He was buried in the Hendry Cemetery near there.

Hillsborough County, Fla. probate records show that Alderman Carlton, brother of Mrs. Lydia Hendry, was appointed administrator of the James E. Hendry estate on April 15, 1852. Lewis Lanier, John Parker and Levi Pearce were appraisers. On May 29, 1854 Lewis Lanier was appointed guardian of Francis A., Albert J., and George W. Hendry. Lydia Hendry was appointed guardian of William M., Mary Jane, Lydia Oregon and Cornelia Hendry, minor heirs of James E. Hendry, on June 26, 1854.



Mrs. Lydia (Carlton) Hendry Moody and her second husband, Benjamin Moody. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Louise K. Frisbie, Box 120, Bartow, Fl. 33830 and taken from FAMILY RECORDS OF LYDIA MOODY by G. W. Hendry.)

On Nov. 5, 1854, Mrs. Lydia Hendry married Benjamin Moody. They had one son, Benjamin F. Moody. (See SOUTH FLORIDA PIONEERS, Issue #8 for article on life of Benjamin Moody). On April 6, 1859, Mr. Moody was made guardian of the four minor Hendry children. Lydia Hendry, now Moody, was released from her duties of guardianship, on Feb. 18, 1868.

George W. Hendry wrote this description of his mother: "Mrs. Moody was a living exemplification of the promises of God to the righteous. She was well preserved for age; could move around with considerable activity, while her mind was brighter than might be expected. Her greatest delight was to talk of heavenly things & to express her continued faith in God's promises to the righteous; could repeat whole chapters of the Psalms, and repeat whole songs & sing them to oldtime tunes to the last. A stroke of paralysis about two years before her death impaired her memory so that it was difficult for her to recall names or places. Mr. Moody died about two years before she did, after which it was her greatest wish to join him in the eternal world. Both her and father Moody had been members of the M. E. Church for more than fifty years." Mrs. Moody died on May 24, 1898 and was buried in the Homeland Cemetery, Polk County.

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